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SUBJ: FAREWELL ADDRESS BY AMBASSADOR PECK, UK PERMREP

SUMMARY: RETIRING UK NATO PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR
SIR EDWARD PECK, CLEARLY DISTURBED BY PREVAILING TRENDS IN
UK AND ELSEWHERE, IN ELOQUENT OCTOBER 1 FAREWELL REMARKS TO
THE NAC, WARNED STRONGLY AGAINST PSYCHOLOGICAL TRENDS AMONG
ALLIES THAT ARE LEADING TO DEFENSE REDUCTIONS. HE DENOUCED THE
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TEMPTATIONS OF PROVIDING SOCIAL WELFARE FOR AGL WITHOUT FIRST PRO-
VIDING FOR NATIONAL SECURITY. HE ALSO WARNED AGAINST THE TEMP-
TATIONS TO EUPHORIA AND COMPLACENCY WHICH THE CSCE SUMMIT PROVIDED.
END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR PECK TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE NAC TRADITION OF PROVIDING A PERSONAL PLATFORM FOR DEPARTING PERMREPS TO WARN STRONGLY AGAINST TRENDS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES THAT ARE LEADING TO DEFENSE REDUCTIONS. HE SINGLED OUT THE NORTHERN EASTERN FLANKS AS DANGER POINTS, SAYING OF THE LATTER "BUT ITS COUNTRIES ARE POPULOUS AND STRONG POLITICAL SUPPORT AND

ARMS SUPPLIES ARE WHAT IS NEEDED HERE AS WELL AS UNITY AMONG OURSELVES."

2. HE CALLED FOR EFFORTS "TO WRING THE UTMOST FROM EACH DEFENSE DOLLAR" AND TO PUSH FLEXIBILITY, STANDARDIZATION AND SIMILAR MEASURES. HE ALSO URGED CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SIDES OF NATO TO THESE ENDS. PECK CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT: "THIS ALLIANCE IS A GREAT

ONE. LET US NOT RUN IT DOWN EITHER BY SELF-DENIGRATION SO POPULAR NOWADAYS ORBY THE PHYSICAL NEGLECT OF OUR DEFENSE."

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